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Mr. Jerry Van Dellen, Chair
Whatcom Conservation District
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Mr. George Boggs, District Manager
Whatcom Conservation District
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RE: Whatcom County's Beaver Population Is Increasing

Dear Mr. Van Dellen and Mr. Boggs:

We apologize for the delay in our response to your letter dated November 10, 2005 regarding the increasing beaver population. We appreciate your concerns and your time in writing to us.

The Commission Chair, Lynn Brown, has asked me to look at the beaver issues with the Department of Fish and Wildlife on ways that they may be working on to resolve this increasing issue throughout the counties. We understand the problem as it pertains to CREP and the hesitancy of the landowners to participate in the program.

Your concerns will be shared with the Commission at the March meeting. I will continue to be engaged and share information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Clark
Executive Director

cc: William Ruckelshaus, SRFB
Honorable Ralph Munro, Shared Strategy for Puget Sound
Commission Members
Stu Trefry, Regional Manager